

The regular monthly meeting of the Altoona Water Authority Board of Directors was held on Thursday, August 18, 2016 in the board room at the Administrative Office. The Chairman, Mr. Lawruk called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

Pledge of Allegiance

Attendance:

Mr. Lawruk, Mr. Ake, Mr. Schirf, Mr. Neugebauer (by phone), and Ms. Marcinko were present, constituting a quorum in accordance with AWA Bylaws. All AWA Board of Directors meetings are conducted in accordance with the PA Sunshine Laws. AWA Staff representatives attending were, Mark Perry, Mike Sinisi, Todd Musser and Kathy Gabella

Approval of the Minutes:

Ms. Marcinko made a motion to approve the minutes for the July 21, 2016 meeting. Mr. Schirf seconded the motion. Mr. Lawruk called the question. The motion passed with a unanimous vote of 5-0.

Guests: Joe Fedeli & Leonard Sapp of Fiore, Fedeli, Snyder & Carothers

Mr. Fedeli gave an overview of the 2015 Financial Report. There were no findings or observations on the report. Ms. Marcinko made a motion to approve the Financial Report. Mr. Schirf seconded the motion. Mr. Lawruk called the question. The motion passed with a unanimous vote of 5-0.

There are two scouts that are trying to achieve Eagle Scout and their project is to paint all the fire hydrants within the City of Altoona and Logan Township. There are approximately 1,700 hydrants and the scouts expect it to take two (2) years to finish the project.

Mr. Schirf made a motion to approve the Boy Scouts painting of the fire hydrants. Ms. Marcinko seconded the motion. Mr. Lawruk called the question. The motion passed with a unanimous vote of 5-0.

Unfinished Business:

1. Tipton 16-inch Transmission Main Cleaning & Lining – All the residential areas have temporary water service. Of the 8,600 feet that needs cleaned and lined the contractor has completed approximately 5,500 feet. There is approximately 600 feet that was done in the 1990's but a problem surfaced with it. It will need to be done again at an additional cost of roughly \$22,500.00 to the project.
2. Bellwood Reservoir – The design work continues with specifications and drawings. There will be a pre-final submission within the next sixty (60) days. The permit application is expected to be submitted by the end of the year.

3. Grazierville Road Project – The permit has been received and an inspector has been assigned. The project will get started next week.
4. Sewer Lining Project – There was a bid opening this week. There were four (4) bids received and all were lower than anticipated.
5. Wastewater Rates, Rules & Regulations – The rates, rules and regulations were updated and the pretreatment program was taken out of them.

Mr. Ake made a motion to approve and adopt the new rates, rules and regulations. Ms. Marcinko seconded the motion. Mr. Lawruk called the question and the motion passed with a unanimous vote of 5-0.

Mr. Schirf made a motion to approve and adopt the Wastewater Collection surcharge rate calculation schedule to become effective the beginning of the fourth quarter of 2016. Mr. Ake seconded the motion. Mr. Lawruk called the question and the motion passed with a unanimous vote of 5-0.

6. Plane 9 Mag-Meter Install – This is an in-house project and the mechanic completed two (2) meters in three (3) days which enabled the plant to be back on line sooner than expected. The electrical part of the install still needs to be completed. Tipton will be the next plant and Bellwood will be done when the upgrades are being done. Kettle will be the last plant for this meter replacement.
7. Convention Point, LLC – The Authority paid for casing pipe years ago in anticipation of someone using it. The base standard size for a main extension is eight-inch (8") pipe and this particular project is a twelve-inch (12"). The Authority would like to continue the twelve-inch main for capacity reasons. The Authority's policy is to pay a differential between the eight-inch and the twelve-inch main. The cost of the main to the developer would include an additional \$30,760.00 with a cost differential of \$18,500.00 leaving the developer to pay the Authority \$12,260.00. This is all spelled out in the developer's agreement.
8. Bellmeade Civic Association – The contractor is scheduled to begin the construction of approximately five hundred feet (500') of line next week. This line will be dedicated to the Authority. This is a backup source for the Bellmeade Civic Associations supply.
9. T-Mobile Amendment – T-Mobile is asking for an amendment to their lease agreement to change some of their antennas on the top of the Highland Park tank.

Mr. Schirf made a motion to approve the amendment to the T-Mobile Lease Agreement. Ms. Marcinko seconded the motion. Mr. Lawruk called the question; motion passed with a unanimous vote of 5-0.

Requisition Approval:

Mr. Lawruk asked Ms. DeRubeis for the Financial Report and the Requisitions/Authorizations. Mrs. DeRubeis gave her report and then asked for approval of the following requisitions.

Requisition #54 Water Division Construction Fund totaling – \$18,592.00

This requisition is for the system wide meter replacement project.

Requisition #2015-19 Water Division Capital Project Fund totaling - \$19,090.02

Ms. Marcinko made a motion to approve the requisitions. Mr. Neugebauer seconded the motion. Mr. Lawruk called the question. Motion passed with a unanimous vote of 5-0.

New Business:

1. Award bid for Sludge/Grit removal, low bidder for 4 c.y. dumpster monthly flat rate was Waste Management. Low bidder for 30 c.y. roll off per ton is Burgmeier's Hauling.

Mr. Neugebauer made a motion to approve both low bidders. Ms. Marcinko seconded the motion. Mr. Lawruk called the question. Motion passed with a unanimous vote of 5-0.

2. Award bid for Sewer Lining Project, low bidder, Mr. Rehab Inc. with a bid price of \$303,492.00.

Ms. Marcinko made a motion to approve Mr. Rehab, Inc. as low bidder for the Sewer Lining Project. Mr. Ake seconded the motion. Mr. Lawruk called the question. Motion passed with a unanimous vote of 5-0.

3. Resolution # 16-08-826 to authorize the Vice-Chairman and the Secretary, Assistant Secretary or Treasurer to execute the Developer's Agreement between Convention Point, LLC and the Altoona Water Authority and for the Altoona Water Authority to assume ownership of said waterline entitled Convention Point.

After some discussion it was decided the Chairman should not be authorized to execute the Developer's Agreement therefore striking the word Chairman from the actual resolution.

Mr. Schirf made a motion to approve Resolution #16-08-826 as amended. Mr. Ake seconded the motion. Mr. Lawruk called the question. Motion passed with a vote of 4-0. Mr. Lawruk abstained from the vote.

Other Business:

1. The 31st Street maintenance storage yard is progressing. The sidewalk, back fence, the first rain garden and the under drain system are installed. They are backfilling, grading and starting the second rain garden. The plans and bid documents for the stone storage building foundation work should be complete today. The advertisement for bid requests should be in Sunday's Altoona Mirror. This will be ready for approval at September's Board Meeting.
2. Mr. Schirf commended staff on a job well done for Super Splash Day at the Curve baseball game.

Media Questions and Public Comment

The board and staff addressed questions from Bill Kibler from the Altoona Mirror.

Colin Lennox of Ecolislands, LLC gave a brief overview of his company. Ecolislands does work with bio-remediation of acid mine drainage and agriculture nutrients. They build modular, self selecting, scalable wet lands and currently are working with the Authority at Squatter Falls where they have two (2) of their tanks.

Executive Session:

An executive session was called at 10:24 for legal and personnel issues.

Adjournment:

No further business was brought before the Board. The meeting was adjourned at 10:45 a.m. The next meeting will be held on Thursday, September 22, 2016 at 9:00 a.m. in the Board Room at the Administrative Office Building located at 900 Chestnut Avenue.



Secretary/Assistant Secretary

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